

up in Northwest Ohio and was the Valedictorian of her Perrysburg High School graduating class. She went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry from Mary Manse College and her Master's Degree in Science Education and Microbiology from the University of Toledo. Married following World War II, Mary then was widowed with four young children.

Long before women were welcomed in the sciences, she was blazing a path for those that would follow. Even as she raised her family and cared for her mother and mother-in-law, Mary taught at the high school and college levels. A conscientious parent, she instilled in her children a core of social justice, exposure to the liberal arts, and insisted on a college education for each of them.

After her retirement—in her seventies—Mary traveled a new path. She taught Native Americans in Minnesota and worked with a community of religious sisters. When she came home several years later, she began a tenure of public service as an industrial hygienist with OSHA. She served as a Eucharistic Minister in her church and was a member of Zonta International.

Mary E. Gerken is an example of a life well-lived. She leaves a legacy of service, compassion and industry to her family and our community. Our community expresses its gratitude for her many decades of exceptional teaching, good humor, humility, and encouraging nature. We shall miss her spirited presence but remain grateful always for the lasting legacies her life's work generously gave to us.

FOREST DEDICATION
RECOGNIZING DAVID CUTLER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the David Cutler Memorial Forest in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

David Cutler became of fixture in Duxbury in 1945 when his family decided to settle here, and from that point on, our community has been the better for it.

Just five years after moving to Duxbury, his parents started the Duxbury Clipper, and thus began David's affair with newspapers. After serving as captain of Colby College's football team, he came back home and got a job as a reporter at the Patriot Ledger. It wasn't long, though, before he felt a call to duty and David enlisted in the US Marines.

Like many men of his age group during that time, he was sent to Vietnam, where in an attack in 1968, he was shot in both legs. His courage and valor were rewarded with a Purple Heart and the title of Captain. Upon returning to the states, he went back to the Patriot Ledger and would soon become the paper's State House reporter. But after two years, he felt another call to duty, and left the Ledger to start the Marshfield Mariner.

Today, communities throughout Massachusetts' South Shore are served by one of David's papers—whether it be the Norwell Mariner or Scituate Mariner or anywhere in between. But it takes a special kind of man—a truly gifted story-teller—to make the most local of news a successful business; yet, that's

what David did. He took a \$1000 investment and turned it into an \$8 million empire. From there, David went on to sell his Mariner newspapers and began working to resurrect other struggling newspapers around Massachusetts until his untimely death.

The details of David's life appear to describe a man who was larger than life—college football captain, honored Marine, intrepid newspaper reporter and successful entrepreneur. And that is just the highlight reel. It doesn't take into account all the lives he touched both professionally and personally, the numerous community functions and local causes he threw his support behind, the countless games and events he attended for his children and later grandchildren.

These are often thought to be "the little things," but in reality they are as much the mark of a man's success. Maybe even more so, for they are what make life rich. So by all accounts, David Cutler was the richest man in town. And the truly fortunate thing is that he seems to have known that while he was still alive. I was moved when I read that early in his illness, David said to an old friend, "My life's work was my family, and I've succeeded." I never had the pleasure of meeting David Cutler, but if all I knew about him was that one quote, I would know he was a good man.

David's legacy of service and commitment to our community lives on today. It lives on in his newspapers. It lives on in his family. And it lives on in this forest we are dedicating in his honor. It seems to me that there is no more fitting a memorial for man who contributed so much to Duxbury than a living, breathing, growing part of the town he loved. David Cutler's forest, like the man it is named for, will make its mark on the lives of countless members of our community for generations to come.

HONORING DR. TOM GALLIA OF
ROWAN UNIVERSITY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tom Gallia, a longtime member of the Rowan University community, currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the President and the Vice-president of community relations.

In his 40 years with the university, Dr. Gallia has served as a dedicated and tireless advocate for students and has played an integral role in every major university decision over the past several years.

In particular, Dr. Gallia's achievements have revolved around his relationship with the Borough of Glassboro. He graduated from Glassboro State College, where he earned bachelor's degree in biological and physical sciences with a minor in science education in 1966. He also met his wife at the school. His first job was at Glassboro High School, where he served as a biology teacher, advisor, and wrestling coach.

Prior to joining the administration of the University, Dr. Gallia served as a biological science and secondary education professor, serving three terms as a Department Chair and eight years as executive associate dean

in the College of Education. Dr. Gallia continues to hold the rank of full professor in both the Teacher Education and Educational Leadership departments.

Dr. Gallia has been instrumental in the planning and implementation of the Rowan Boulevard Project. The opportunities provided by the construction of the hotel, bookstore, residential apartments, and town square are secondary to the degree to which the project truly brought Rowan University students and the school's surrounding community of Glassboro together. The project, with Dr. Gallia's guidance, has helped the school develop a positive and meaningful relationship with the surrounding town.

In addition to his work at Rowan, Dr. Gallia serves in numerous positions in community organizations, including Main Street Glassboro, Central Business Redevelopment Authority, Glassboro Economic Advisory Board, Glassboro Chamber of Commerce, and Glassboro Code Enforcement Board, the Finance Committee of St. Bridget Church, the Bishop's Task Force and Transition Team at the church, and St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize Dr. Tom Gallia for his tireless dedication to the Borough of Glassboro, and to the faculty, students, and surrounding community of Rowan University and his decades of service to this fine institution of higher learning.

HONORING PASTOR ROGER
FREEMAN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are leaders who work to shape the direction of the country and there are workers who toil to shape the direction of the soul. In the Tennessee Seventh Congressional District, there is one leader whose efforts over the past several decades have led many into the goodness of the Almighty. I rise today to honor First Baptist Church Pastor Roger Freeman as he retires from decades of active ministry.

An accomplished author, devoted father, and principled leader, Dr. Freeman serves not solely his beliefs. Dedicated to reaching both inward to his congregation and outward to the community, Freeman spends time serving in state Baptist associations as well as local civic organizations. Dr. Freeman's service reach extends beyond the walls of the church. In 2007, Freeman was invited by the National Park Service to offer the prayer for the lighting of the National Christmas Tree and eloquently represented his community, his family, and his faith.

From Texas, to Louisiana, to Tennessee, and communities beyond, Freeman has spent his life in service to his creed and his calling. I join with his wife and children in offering thanks to Dr. Roger Freeman for his many years of faith and guidance. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Dr. Freeman. As he retires from First Baptist Church, I hope his fidelity to his vocation will remind us all to the higher service of our own.